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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Allen K. Gilbertson, D.O.B. 3-25-54, of Weston, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 15 months in federal prison and ordered to pay a \$20,000 fine. On April 12, 2005, after a two-day jury trial, Gilbertson was convicted of tampering with odometers of used cars he was selling.

From May 1999 to June 2001, Gilbertson owned D and A Auto Sales, a used car dealership in Weston, Wisconsin. During that time he altered the odometers of numerous vehicles. Gilbertson was caught when a local citizen noticed his car for sale with a substantially lower mileage reading than what he sold it for just several weeks earlier. An investigation of Gilbertson's records by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation revealed over 70 suspected vehicles that had tampered odometers. Some of the vehicles had odometers that were rolled back 100,000 miles.

The charges against Gilbertson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.